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Connecticut General Assembly Committee on Commerce Room 110, Capitol Building Hartford, CT 06106

Raised Bill # 1137

An Act Concerning the Connecticut River Bridge

To promote economic development in the state by improving existing freight rail infrastructure in

To the Members of the Committee,

Nutmeg Recycling is a 28-year old company specializing in bottle law material. In 2010, our 85 employees processed approximately 140,000 tons of recyclable materials such as glass, aluminum, and plastic. 104,000 tons of this material being glass out of this over half was shipped by rail amounting to 500 rail cars and 1000 trips across the Connecticut River Bridge.

In 2004, Nutmeg Recycling moved its operations to 300 Rye St. in South Windsor because of its rail access. We have experienced steady growth as a direct result of having access to larger end markets. Without rail, we would quickly saturate the North East glass markets, potentially forcing us to turn away inbound glass. We are the only major glass recycler producing mill ready glass in Connecticut; any volume we turn away could end up in landfills or out-of-state facilities that have rail access, taking with it Connecticut jobs and Connecticut tax dollars. Nutmeg has 14 acres of undeveloped land that we plan to use to grow our business. This will only be possible provided we have access to affordable rail service.

In 2011, we are projecting our needs for rail service to be approximately 720 rail cars resulting in over 1440 trips over the bridge.

Our goal is to keep and add jobs in Connecticut.

Best Regards,

George Sevc Plant Manager